

Department of Veterans Affairs

§ 3.551

month in which that willful concealment occurred.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5503)

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§ 3.503 Children.

(a) The effective date of discontinuance of pension, compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation to or for a child, or to or for a veteran or surviving spouse on behalf of such child, will be the earliest of the dates stated in this section. Where an award is reduced, the reduced rate will be payable the day following the date of discontinuance of the greater benefit.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(1) *Age 18 (or 23) (38 U.S.C. 5112(a); § 3.57)*. Day before 18th (or 23d birthday).

(2) *Enters service*. Date of last payment of apportioned disability benefits for child not in custody of estranged spouse. Full rate payable to veteran. No change where payments are being made for the child to the veteran, his (her) estranged spouse, his (her) surviving spouse, or to the fiduciary of a child not in the surviving spouse's custody.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(3) *Permanently incapable of selfsupport (38 U.S.C. 5112(a), (b)(6); Pub. L. 87-825; §§ 3.57, 3.950)*—(i) *Pension*. Date of last payment.

(ii) *Compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation*. Last day of month following 60 days after notice to payee.

(4) *Marriage*. See § 3.500(n).

(5) *School attendance*. See § 3.667.

(6) *Stepchild no longer member of veteran's household (§ 3.57)*. Last day child was a member of household.

(7) *Two parent cases (§ 3.703)*. Day preceding beginning date of award based on service of the other parent.

(8) *Dependents' educational assistance (§§ 3.707, 3.807, and § 21.3023 of this chapter)*. Day preceding beginning date of educational assistance allowance.

(9) *Surviving spouse becomes entitled*. Date of last payment. See § 3.657.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(10) *Interlocutory adoption decree or adoptive placement agreement*. Date child left custody of adopting parent during the interlocutory period or during adoptive placement agreement, or date of rescission of the decree or date of termination of the adoptive placement agreement, whichever first occurs.

(b) *Monetary allowance under 38 U.S.C. 1805 for a child suffering from spina bifida who is a child of a Vietnam veteran (§ 3.814)*. The effective date of discontinuance of the monthly allowance under 38 U.S.C. 1805 to a child suffering from spina bifida who is the child of a Vietnam veteran will be the last day of the month before the month in which the death of the child occurred.

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§ 3.504 Parents; aid and attendance.

The effective date of discontinuance of an increased award because of the parent's need for aid and attendance will be the day of last payment if need for aid and attendance has ceased. If hospitalized at Department of Veterans Affairs expense as a veteran the date will be specified in § 3.552(b) (1) or (3).

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[37 FR 6679, Apr. 1, 1972]

HOSPITALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS

§ 3.551 Reduction because of hospitalization.

(a) *General*. Pension is subject to reduction as specified below when a veteran who has neither spouse, child nor dependent parent is hospitalized, unless the veteran is hospitalized for Hansen's disease. The provisions of this section apply to initial periods of hospitalization and to readmissions following discharge from a prior period of hospitalization. If the veteran is hospitalized for observation and examination, the date treatment began is considered the date of admission. Special